



“WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE?”

Part 1 of 1

Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:9-21

Big Idea: When God makes us a new creation in Christ, He also gives us a new purpose for living.

AT&T: Inspire human progress through the power of communication

Black Rock: To help more and more people experience financial well-being.

CarMax: To drive integrity by being honest and transparent in every interaction.

Coca-Cola: Refresh the world. Make a difference.

Dick’s Sporting Goods: We create confidence and excitement by personally equipping all athletes to achieve their dreams.

eBay: To empower people and create economic opportunity for all.

Eli Lilly: Lilly unites caring with discovery to create medicines that make life better for people around the world.

Expedia Group: To bring the world within reach.

Ford Motor Company: To drive human progress through freedom of movement.

General Electric: We rise to the challenge of building a world that works.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise: To advance the way people live and work.

Intel: To create world-changing technology that enriches the lives of every person on earth.

MetLife: To help our customers navigate life’s twists and turns.

Molson Coors Beverages: Uniting people to celebrate all life’s moments.

M. D. Anderson (University of Texas Cancer Center): We make cancer history.

New York Department of Finance: We help people pay the right amount on time.

To glorify God by making more and better disciples.

2 Corinthians 5:9, Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. {NASV}

TO PLEASE GOD WITH OUR WHOLE BEING.

2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. {NASV}

Romans 8:1, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

I. WE PLEASE GOD BY PERSUADING PEOPLE THAT THE GOSPEL IS TRUE.

2 Corinthians 5:11a, "Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men." {NASV}

2 Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." {NASV}

II. WE PLEASE GOD BY REGARDING NO ONE FROM A MERELY HUMAN POINT OF VIEW.

2 Corinthians 5:16a, "Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh." {NASV}

III. WE PLEASE GOD BY BEING EFFECTIVE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST.

2 Corinthians 5:20, Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. {NASV}

To whom it may concern:

A few months ago, my sister and I went to Disneyland together. While there, the popcorn seller by the first name of so and so stopped to take a picture of both of us in front of the castle. Please see a copy of the enclosed photo.

What the popcorn seller didn't know was that my sister and I had not been on speaking terms for some 20 years. When I learned that she was facing treatment for cancer, we made amends by coming to your park and spending some time together. The picture you see enclosed is the only one taken of us together in some 20 years. I'm so grateful for the young popcorn popper who took the time to take the picture. I will be indebted for having this last memory.

Sincerely yours...